

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 8th APRIL 2008 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs P Bowdidge, Mr B Clayton, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Plummer, Mr T Stretton & Dr L Ward;

Also present was 1 member of the public and PC Mick Walker (Northants Police)(part)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs B Bucknell (prior engagement), Mrs S Harris (fall), Mr D MacDonald & Mr T Searle (working away)

2. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda)

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 11th March 2008

Minutes of the meeting held 11th March 2008 were signed as a correct record

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only)

(a) Highway Issues Minute 6c)

Report for AOM discussed

(b) C/NALC Training Minute 6(d)

Cllr training Wed 14 May (7 – 9 TBC) > Cllrs BB, TSe, AP & (TSt) to attend

(c) South Northamptonshire Youth Council Minute 10(h)

Youth Opportunity Fund - Cllr Plummer > Kingsbrook School - NFA

(d) Climate Change Minute 10(m)

Is OS ready to take action against climate change? > Cllr Pateman NFA

(e) Website Update

Cllr Clayton spoke on the item

5 Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6 District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

(b) Cllr Walker (NCC)

Neither present. Concern expressed about lack of communication from Dist Cllr. Clerk to enquire on health

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2008/0309/P Two storey rear extension 5 Towcester Road

* No objections or further comments

S/2008/0326/P Change of use from commercial to domestic Furtho House, 20 Towcester Road
* No objections to a change of use back to residential. However the Parish Council are to consider a listing application due to its architectural importance to the village and the street scene

S/2007/1511/A Illuminated projection box sign Unit C OS Local Centre, Falcon Drive
* No objections - but the illumination should be restricted to opening times only due its location opposite residential properties

(b) Permission Granted / Refused

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

A/2007/1114/P Appeal 39 Manorfields Road against refusal for 5 dwellings > 29 April @ SNC

* Noted

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at meeting)

(a) SNC

Non Domestic Rates Football Ground and Premises / Discretionary Charitable Relief claimed = £0
Non Domestic Rates Memorial Hall / Discretionary Charitable Relief claimed = £0 > both for file

(b) Audit Commission

Confirmation of appointment of external auditor > for file

(c) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP

External Auditor / Local Council Briefing – Spring 2008 > Clerk/RFO deals

*** (d) CPRE Northants**

2008 Design Awards & Summer Ball > NFA

(e) LAA Office Northamptonshire

Consultation on Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008 / 2031 > circulated for info/comment

(f) Bedfordshire Group of Drainage Boards

Internal Drainage Board Review 2007 Annual Report > circulated for info

*** (g) Millard Consulting (David Wilson Homes – Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford)**

Canalside - Request for PC to approve street lighting scheme. To approve response that as Adoption is not imminent (says NCC) then no response at this time

(h) SNC Policy & Implementation Manager

Village Directory – 2008 Review > clerk deals

(i) NJ Blackwell

Contractors Public Liability Insurance > for file

(j) SNC Strategic Housing Officer

Landlord News & Views > circulated for info

(k) NCC Chief Planning Officer

Passenham Local Liaison Group – Minutes of last meeting circulated for info

(l) NCALC

Annual Subs and Internal Auditor Fees > Approved

Latest Update circulated for info

9. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve. (Note: The Clerks undrawn stipend > donation to MH Fund this year)

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance (Provisional End of Year)

Treasurer's a/c:	£61.39
Business Call a/c:	£27,434.64
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,912.99
Available Capital =	£16,583.04 (less £3,390 clerks donation > MH fund)

(c) Approved payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001448	Clerks Stipend:	£777.00 (Note: Full stipend now drawn)
001449	Petty Cash:	£39.64
001450	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001451	AH Contracts:	£64.30 (POS Dog Bins > Bloor Homes invoiced)
001452	ACS:	£10.00 (MH windows)
001453	NJ Blackwell:	£370.48 (Mowing)
001454	E.ON:	£28.00 (MH Electric)
001455	K Peach:	£61.17 (Public NB Repairs)
001456	Viking Direct:	£210.97 (Copy paper / envelopes)
001457	Northants CALC:	£317.00 (Annual subs)(Min:8(i))
001458	Northants CALC:	£159.60 (Internal Audit Fees)(Min:8(ii))
001459	SLCC:	£96.00 (Annual subs + Portfolio return)

10. Street Lighting

(a) Cost of new lamp Deanshanger Road = £2,635.00 > noted (Min:6(d) Feb approves)

(b) Chapman Drive PLs are still out

11. Highways

(a) A5 NB night time closures 14 April – 9 May will mean additional traffic through OS

(b) Cllr Plummer gave update on new MGSWP Highways contract

(c) Pot holes o/s 13/15 Mounthill Ave

12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) PC Wallace produced Crime Figures prior to minute 4 and apologised that he or colleagues were unable to attend AOM on 15th April – the clerk to produce figures in his absence

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th April (Annual Open Meeting) commencing at 7.30pm &
Tuesday 13th May Annual PC Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm